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Temporarily Murdered

In Rumania, spies come in from the heat. Seems one of them, identified only as "Mr. Z," was assigned a few months ago to do away with fellow Rumanian Virgil Tanase, a dissident writer living in Paris. Instead, the agent secretly defected to France and cooked up a plan with Mr. Tanase and French intelligence to fake the writer's kidnapping and death. The "murder" aroused public outrage in France and prompted an expression of "grave concern" from President François Mitterand, who was in on it all along. Mr. Z went home to a hero's welcome and subsequently managed to slip his family out of Rumania. After Mr. Tanase revealed the caper at a news conference last week, the Rumanian Government hotly denied it all.